

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

09/695,679

Confirmation No. 344

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Technology Center 2600

Applicant

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Title:

PERPENDICULAR RECORDING

HEAD WITH TRACKWIDTH

DEFINED BY PLATING THICKNESS

TC/A.U.

2652

Examiner

David D. Davis

Docket No.

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Customer No.

35810

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 1, 2003,

Sir:

Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-10 and 21-22) drawn to a perpendicular recording head. This election is made with traverse because the claims of non-elected Group II have already been examined by the USPTO, and their removal from prosecution at this late stage decreases efficiency and unnecessarily increases Applicants'

If it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4340.

Respectfully submitted,

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